



**MAIN LIBRARY  
CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
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## **Who doesn't love a good story?**

From our earliest days, we relish the chance to hear our elders tell of days gone by, of personal adventures, Bible stories and so on. The love of story continues through adulthood as we enjoy books, movies and news magazines that feature stories of people, places and events.

Two outstanding "story times" for grown-ups are scheduled at Catawba County Library in Newton. At 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, Richard Eller, history professor at Catawba Valley Community College, will present "The History of Piedmont Airlines," based on his 2008 book.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, area historians Dr. Gary Freeze and Sidney Halma will present a talk on the 1916 and 1940 floods of the Catawba River.

Both programs are free and open to the public.

The library system has offered free story times for generations of local children. Library staff read aloud classic fairy tales and stories about holidays, seasons, personal development, health and so on. The free sessions continue each week year-round. If you would like to enjoy story time with a child in your life, drop by at any one of these sessions:

<b>WEDNESDAYS:</b>	9:30 a.m. Maiden toddlers
	10 a.m.—Sherrills Ford, Southwest and Maiden preschoolers
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	10 a.m., Newton, St. Stephens
	10 a.m. Music Time at Sherrills Ford

In addition, Newton hosts a family story time each Monday at 6:30 p.m. Kids may attend in their pajamas if they wish.

Second and third graders and their families will enjoy the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Storytelling Festival on Friday, June 4 at Murray's Mill. Catawba County Museum of History sponsors the event to help kids to better appreciate the oral tradition and the power of language and narrative. Tickets are \$5 for the public (other than registered schools). You can get more information about this event by calling Jason Toney at 465-0383.

## **Summer Reading Splashes across County**

Registration begins soon for the annual Summer Reading program. Ages 0-18 are invited to take part this year. Prizes will be awarded for reading (or read-to) achievements.

The yearly effort encourages children and youth to keep reading when school is not in session. Free programs focus on the themes "Make a Splash @ Your Library" for ages 0-11 and "Make Waves @ Your Library" for teens.

Kickoff events will be held at all library locations on Thursday, May 27. Main Library in Newton will serve free ice cream during their registration event from 3-6 p.m. Other special kickoff events are scheduled at Maiden and Southwest from 3-5 p.m., St. Stephens 5-6 p.m. and at Sherrills Ford from 3-6 p.m.

The ever-popular visits from Ronald McDonald are scheduled June 16-18.

Other Summer Reading activities will include crafts, water fun, the Green Bean Players and a talk by the former engineer/ navigator of a nuclear submarine. Complete details are available on the library website <http://catawbacountync.gov/library/events> or at any location of the county library system.



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